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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1889.

MARRIAGE.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, by the Very Rev. G. Burghignoni, pro-vicar apostolic, GEORGES d'ARNOUX, Comte de Limoges St. Sals, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, to JULIE BARDIC.

BIRTH.

At 25, Steuben Road, Shanghai, on the 10th March, Mrs. JAS. R. TWENTYMAN, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1889.

A most important religious reform will shortly be inaugurated in the Philippine Islands in the shape of complete freedom of worship being extended to all nationalities and creeds. The Manila *Government Gazette* of the 6th inst. contains a series of noteworthy recommendations in a despatch sent from Madrid, by the Minister for the Colonies to the Governor-General of the Philippines. After alluding to the Government's duty to protect the Roman Catholic religion and its ministers, for the reason that it is the State religion, the despatch goes on to say:

"It must not be forgotten that in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Governor-General there are Europeans, Asiatics and Americans, who profess different religions; and whose creeds and forms of worship should be respected in the same way as they have invariably been respected in India. There are also in the same territory Mahomedan and idolatrous races who are not yet entirely pacified and reduced to submission; the only means to bring about their submission to our rule is to respect their religious beliefs and customs."

Judging by the tenor of the Minister's recommendations we are led to believe that within a short period of time, religious toleration will be extended to all creeds throughout the Philippines, notwithstanding bitter protests from the Vatican. And we wonder what reception will be given by the ultramontane fraternity in Manila to this liberal and statesman-like measure! So far, the local newspapers have not printed a word on a subject the importance of which can scarcely be over-estimated.

It is possible that the representatives of religious intolerance are forging their thunderbolts to be hurled at the advocates and supporters of the new measure with all the force and influence the Romish hierarchy can command! Up to the present time, all other creeds but Roman Catholicism have been placed under the ban of proscription in the neighbouring Archipelago, the saintly apostles of St. Peter domineering over the consciences of the people in the same despotic way as they practically rule over

the Government. To establish freedom of worship in intolerant Manila is paramount to razing to the ground the whole edifice of clerical oppression.

We heartily congratulate the inhabitants of Manila and of the Philippines generally on the inestimable privilege which the Spanish Government, with rare prescience, has at last seen fit, or found it necessary to concede to the growing demand, universal all over the world, for freedom in religious belief. For some time past a strong element in the Philippines has been steadily working for liberty of conscience and for the civil rights due to all citizens; their aspirations have doubtless been reported to the Spanish Government, whose sensible action in recognising that the tyranny of the Inquisition and the intolerance of the Middle Ages are not suited to the days in which we now live will commend itself to all impartial observers. This is at last the thin end of the wedge; it will prove the beginning of the end so far as clerical domination in a free country is concerned.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

COERCION IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, March 15th.

The Closure was adopted in the House of Commons and the address voted.

KING MILAN'S ABDICATION.

King Milan has abdicated in favor of his son. Monsieur Ristich and two Generals have been appointed Regents.

There is no doubt that the situation is exciting some uneasiness.

THE NAVAL DEFENCES.

LONDON, March 8th.

Lord George Hamilton announced that the Government proposed to build seventy new battle ships and cruisers at a cost of twenty-one and a half millions.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

Mr. E. Stanhope said that the increase in the Army Estimates was due to the new magazine rifle, and the increase of Colonial Garrisons.

THE "SULTAN" STRANDED.

H.M.'s ironclad *Sultan* is stranded off Malta.

THE KING OF HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, 8th March.

The King passed a quiet night, but does not take adequate nutriment.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS COMMAND.

LONDON, March 13th.

Sir Charles Warren has been appointed to the military command in the Straits Settlements, which will be separated from Hongkong henceforth.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is proposed to start a Land Investment Company in Singapore with a capital of two million dollars.

The Portuguese gunboat *Tajo* arrived at Ching-king on the 10th inst., and took up a berth above Garlic Hill.

H.M.S. *Alacrity*, with Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon on board, was to leave Shanghai for Hankow on the 13th inst.

The steamship *Chefoo* is reported to have been on the south bank of Taku bay on the 6th inst., with a tug boat trying to tow her off.

The Japanese Engineering Company has ordered from England another dredger, which is to be used in the dredging of the Tokyo Bay.

The British North Borneo manslaughter case, in which Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., appeared for Mr. Bruch, the defendant, ended in an acquittal.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Chefoo to the *Shanghai Mercury* on the 9th inst. that thirty of the boatmen in the Customs Service had struck work.

We learn that Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, of H.B.M. Customs Service, has been temporarily transferred from Swatow to Tientsin, to take charge of the Consulate at the latter port.

MAGISTRATE—Madam, your husband charges you with assault. Madam—Yes, your honor! I asked him if he would ever cease to love me, and he was so slow in answering that I hit him with a mop. I'm only a woman, your honor [tears], and a woman's life without love is a mere blight.

We read of some extraordinary revelations that have recently been made in connection with the proceedings of some of the land-investment societies in Melbourne. In one case two of the directors have been compelled to refund £4,400 which the shareholders considered they had no legal right to appropriate.

JOHN WARREN, a marine belonging to H.M.S. *Alacrity*, shipped off Fogg's jetty at Shanghai on the night of the 10th inst., and was drowned. He was buried on the 12th with military honours. Admiral Salmon, the officers of the *Alacrity*, and *Constance* and about a hundred men from these vessels being present.

THEY are certainly improving. Smart society women in England now wear shoulderlights with their low-necked dresses. The elastic webs alluded to can be purchased of all tints, to suit the blond or the brunette, the sanguine flesh of the red-haired girl, or the pallid and cadaverous anatomy of the washed-out spinster.

INTERVIEWED on the subject of marriage, Mdlle. Jeanie Granier, a French actress, said: "I am convinced no artist, whether actress, actor, painter, musician or sculptor, should ever get married. An artist should be free to love his art with his whole heart and soul. Although I have never been married myself, I know pretty well what marriage means. It has no secrets for me."

THE Sydney *Bulletin* cheerfully remarks that the doctors who killed the Emperor Frederick are still doing their utmost to slaughter each other, but with poor results. They are all publishing disgusting pamphlets about cancer, and tracheotomy, and morbid growths, and abscesses, and malignant tumours, and the like, but, as they don't take each other's medicine, no fatal results are expected.

The Sessions will open on Monday. There are eleven cases for trial.

The Army and Navy Gazette says that a General Order of a very stringent character, has been issued from the War Office regulating the admission of strangers to all national defence, position-finding stations, and submarine-mining and torpedo establishments.

The Spanish cruiser *Aragon*, Capt. A. Soler, arrived this morning from Manila, and exchanged salutes with H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel* and the port. The *Aragon* will go into dock for repairs, and according to Manila papers, will remain here from three to four months.

The fighting in British North Borneo between the Government forces and the followers of Pangaran Shabander has ceased and a friendly arrangement has been arrived. Pangaran surrenders his territory for a consideration of \$1,800 per annum and some other little pickings, among which one of \$300 for "head money" is a conspicuous item.

The N.C. *Daily News* is informed that telegrams have been received from the Viceroy of Chili, and from the Customs at Chefoo, to the effect that measures have been taken which will assuredly prevent the outbreak at Chefoo of a disturbance which was feared by some persons as likely to arise at that port, and that there is no cause for alarm.

MESSRS. S. C. Farnham & Co. of Shanghai, have contracted to build a steamer for Mr. Tong-king-sing, manager of the Kaiping Colliery Co.; she is to be finished in August and will run between the coal depots at Taku and "Su-shun-ku" (the Arthur), Wei-hai-wai and Chefoo. A second one is to be built to run from the coal depots at Taku to Shanghai.

The Shanghai Horse Bazaar held the first pony auction of the season on the afternoon of the 11th inst., when twenty-three fine looking griffins were put up, fifteen of which were sold at good prices, the highest figure paid being twelve 25s. Another griffin realised twelve 15s, and the others were disposed of at figures ranging between twelve 10s and 30s.

CAPT. R. S. F. WALKER, who will be remembered by old Hongkong residents as a capital cricketer and good all round athlete when the 28th Regiment was quartered here thirteen years ago, has retired from the Army to hold a Colonial appointment, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Captain Walker has been in command of the Perak Sikh police force for some years past.

ANOTHER London Syndicate "on the job." "It is rumoured" says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 9th inst., "that an offer for London to a large amount has been received by the Directors of the Rawang Tin Mining Company for the purchase of that Company's concession. The general agents (Messrs W. R. Scott & Co.) are not in a position as yet to communicate any information, but it is probable that the terms of the offer, if such be the case, may be made known some time to-day."

The following remarks in the London *Daily News* make speculators in Pungjoms and other Pahang companies *gong* nearly as the Pahang territory is produced a number of new companies. It seems that recent statements of the marvels of that region, in the way of rich tin deposits, depend mainly upon the statement of one expert. If he were the best in the world it would be almost necessary to have corroboration; and those who have seen the tin from Pahang as it arrived at Singapore do not report the samples rich by any means.

The Ichang correspondent of the N.C. *Daily News* writes on March 1st—Dr. Henry Iehang-to-day after nearly seven years' stay. He had almost all the primosres of San Yau, tung brought down in his honour, and walked down into the river bed between a double row of crackers and Roman candles one after another lighting up and exploding as he passed along the sands. These fireworks were the tribute from the Chinese part of the Customs staff. The little European community all dined and lunched each other in his honour to the very last. He will be greatly missed, having shown kindnesses unto every man.

SAYS the N.C. *Daily News* of the 9th inst.—The *Mutine* had a very bad quarter of an hour while trying to leave the anchorage yesterday afternoon. She started on the ebb-tide and had to steam up past the *Alacrity* to turn round, and when she got bow down river, she came in close proximity to the French gunboat. Then a boat got in the way, and the ship was steered to clear this, but being in the chow-chow water she sheered and ran over the Hongkong shore, and her jibboom overlapped the wood-yard next to the German Consulate. She then backed off and hoisting her jib got safely away, but not before she had come close to the jetty and in dangerous proximity to some cargo ships; but she was so well handled that no damage was done.

THE Chinese residents of Singapore, in response to a circular issued by Major McCallum, have agreed to subscribe \$10,000 to provide four Maxim guns for the defence of the town. About six thousand dollars have already been promised. Mr. Cheong Hong Lim subscribing \$1500. Our Chinese friends in Hongkong might do worse than follow the good example set by their Singapore kinsmen. They enjoy in this colony all the advantages and privileges that are unknown in their own country; their interests in the colony are far more paramount and yet they contribute little or nothing to our defences. As taxpayers they pay their proportionate share of the annual military contribution, but contribute nothing towards defraying the vast imperial outlay. However, apart from that, a special contribution towards our local defences would be a graceful act on the part of our Chinese fellow citizens, who benefit so greatly from the security afforded them, and we commend the suggestion to their consideration.

MR. BECHER has apparently found several more gold mines in the Straits, than those in the Pungjom concession. Thus the *Straits Times* of the 8th inst.—"As some excitement is setting in regard to 'Bentongs,' we publish the following particulars regarding the Company, at the supply of prospectuses seems to have run short:—The Bentong Straits Tin Company, Limited was started in London in January last year, with a capital of £100,000, for the purpose of taking over and working a concession granted by the Sultan of Pahang to E. A. Watson to mine for gold, tin, and other metals in the district of Bentong. By the terms of the concession, Mr. Watson is given 10 square miles each as he may like to select, and start working during the said period of 10 months, and for such he has the mining right for 50 years. Eight separate tracts have been selected and are being worked now with some 300 coolies, and there is still some time left to collect further lots. A fair quantity of tin has been shipped already from the mines during last year, and a large quantity of ore is now awaiting smelting and shipment. Traces of gold have been found at some of the mines by Mr. Becher, who inspected the concession ground, and who is now preparing a report on them."

The coolie suspected of the recent burglary at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s store was this morning committed for trial.

WE would call attention to the Concert which is to be held at the Lusitania Club on Wednesday the 20th inst., as per advertisement in another column.

P.C. BELAKHI, 311, who behaved so courageously in the affray with armed robbers at Yaumati about the end of January, has been decorated with a medal by the authorities. Brave blackie.

MAJOR PAULI, according to the *Shanghai Mercury*, has made an agreement for three years with Li Hung-chang, as Chief of the Military Academy, commencing from the 1st of February last.

THE *China Mail* reproduces a lengthy article from the N.C. *Daily News* headed "Hongkong an El Dorado," and dealing with the Hongkong share list. This is the evening rag's idea of journalism. The writer in the Shanghai paper admits that he knows nothing about the subject, beyond the figures gathered from a recent quotation-list, and naturally his inferences and conclusions are generally erroneous. The Editor of our evening contemporary who ought to know the position thoroughly, instead of writing an independent article himself, or getting some reliable person to do so, has slavishly copied the valueless "realities of the N.C. *Daily News*. This is journalistic enterprise with a vengeance.

THE *Macao Independent* reports that on the 6th inst. a police launch which was cruising in the inner harbour discovered three junks anchored in the man-of-war anchorage, and on the officer in charge intimating to the masters of these vessels to withdraw from that locality, he was told that the junks had orders from the Chinese mandarins to remain where they were. The Harbour Master on being informed of this proceeding, at once sent a launch and had the junks towed out of the anchorage, and the native soldiers who were on board of them transferred to a Chinese gunboat anchored in the vicinity. The Governor of Macao, on hearing of the occurrence, is reported to have given strict orders to repress any attempt on the part of the Chinese Customs vessels to encroach on Portuguese waters.

THE following changes in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service have been announced:—Mr. H. B. Mays, of Shanghai, has gone to Hoihow as Acting Commissioner. Mr. C. E. Clark of Hoihow, goes home on leave. Mr. F. E. Taylor, Acting Audit Secretary at Peking, goes to Chefoo. Mr. Von Mollerand (late of Korea) has joined the I.M. Customs and has been appointed to Shanghai as Acting Deputy-Commissioner. Mr. J. C. Johnston has gone to Korea from Chefoo. Mr. Stevens, Tide-surveyor and Harbour Master of Chefoo, has gone to Tamsui. The Revenue cruiser *Fingehing* proceeds probably to Tientsin for the purpose of bringing Sir Robert Hart south. Mr. R. B. Moorhead, Commissioner at Foochow, goes home on leave. Mr. Boyd Bredon goes to Chinkiang, and Mr. Hillier will be Acting Commissioner at Shanghai.

A FATAL accident occurred about seven o'clock last night in a store-room in Wing Wo Lane, near the Fire Brigade Station. The owner of the place, a merchant carrying on business at the Kwong Yü Hong in Boham Stand, thought the room ridiculously high, and with a view to utilising the upper portion he ran up a slender sort of cockloft, on which he piled old iron. Last night five or six of his men were putting some more up, there being over twenty tons weight there already, when the thing collapsed and men and iron fell to the bottom of the room, and were not very much hurt, having fallen on the top of the iron, but a fourth man held by the foot for a long time, and alternately directed and swore at the rescuers as they gave him *samsin* and magic pulls to sustain him. About ten o'clock the dead body of a shopman was got injured; the upper part was not much injured, but the abdomen had been dreadfully crushed.

A DARING outrage was perpetrated at Wanchai yesterday. Mr. Christie, chief engineer of the *Hankow*, went down about seven o'clock to the Praya opposite where the steamer was lying, and called a sampan. Whilst waiting for the small jolly he felt a push, but thought it was Mr. Croker, whom he was expecting, and did not turn round. Next moment he was pushed again, and on wheeling round a handful of pepper was thrown full into his eyes. He dimly saw a Chinaman running away, and ran after him, but when he caught up the man pulled out a knife and made a pass at him, so he gave up pursuit, and went to No. 2 Police Station, where he bathed his eyes and relieved his intense pain. In the moment between turning round and being blinded he saw that his assailant was an ex-workman on the *Hankow*, whom he had dismissed the day before for stealing. The police, therefore, should have no difficulty in making the arrest, and after that, we hope, the miscreant will get his deserts.

AN extraordinary action has recently been decided in the Appeal Court, raising the question of validity of a gift made to a solicitor by a lay client under these circumstances. The action was brought by the representative of the late Amy Graham to recover £1,000 gift made by her to Messrs. Alsop, Mann, and Co., solicitors. It appeared that in 1880 these gentlemen acted as solicitors in some negotiations Amy Graham had with a gentleman whose name did not transpire, but who gave £5000 by deed of gift to her, as a settlement of questions between them. At this time, in addition to legal costs, Amy Graham handed to Mr. Alsop £1,000 as a gift in recognition of his services to her. Mr. Justice Kekewich, without impugning Mr. Alsop's veracity on legal grounds, decided against the gift, and ordered its return with interest. Lords Justices Cotton and Lindley were both of opinion that the confirmation of the gift was insufficient, and that the decision of Mr. Justice Kekewich must be confirmed. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

THE *Macao Independent* pursues its abnormal career of throwing mud on all its contemporaries with a *zany-fogy*, and an air of superiority which are quite characteristic of the irresponsible mannikins who preside over the destinies of that obsolete bully-rag. A column is devoted to weekly personal abuse of the grossest description; the most rudimentary principles of journalistic etiquette are trampled upon, and individuals, not ideas, are discussed in unsurpassable *maladroite* style. As the home of blustering impostors in the manifold walks of life Macao has always enjoyed an unequalled reputation. The *Independent* and the *Yen do Canto* reflect only too truly that spirit of rank vulgarity and bare-faced insolence which may be pretty well concealed under a white shirt or a clean neckerchief, but which are apt to pop out at the slightest provocation. The sampan asterhood of the Holy City may be blamed for this sad degeneracy of the pristine Portuguese character. Nevertheless, the fact is palpable that it is impossible to enter into polemics with any of the self-sufficient controversialists of the neighbouring colony without eliciting coarse personalities of the grossest description. We suppose that is an element inseparable from journalism carried out under priestly domination.

TO-MORROW morning, starting at 10.30 o'clock the steamship carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C to convey men ashore to 11 A.M. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

THE *Daily Press* still announces that "The Penny-comicists," the feeble trash it does out weekly to its complacent readers, is "now first published." And the *Daily Press*, as usual, does not tell the truth. We observe that the *San Francisco Chronicle* started "The Penny-comicists" long before our original contemporary.

THE Comte d'Oultremont, an ex-officer of cavalry, and now one of the members of the Chamber of Brussels, has prepared a carefully elaborated bill for the establishment of universal obligatory service by which the effective force of the Belgian Army is to be carried in time of war to 250,000 to 300,000 men (it is now about 130,000 men), without any increase of the military budget.

MR. JAMES W. Ellsworth of Chicago, says the *New York Sun*, has bought of Messrs. Russell & Co., of Wall street, a very noble old Chinese vase of the deep-red color known as "sang de boeu." This vase was sent to New York some time since by a Chinese mandarin, who fixed the price at \$5000 and directed that not a cent less should be taken. The value of these articles of ancient Chinese porcelain, the *Sun* adds, is rising to very handsome figures.

IT may interest our local legal luminaries to know that some excitement has lately been caused at home by the Swansea County Court Judge refusing to recognise solicitors in court unless they were robbed. His Honour's children had been made the subject of an appeal to the Lord Chancellor. It is high time that wigs and gowns and all such like mummeries were abolished in our law courts. They may be all right at Madame Tussaud's on wax figures, but they only tend to make men look ridiculous and to bring the administration of the law into contempt. Their *raison d'être* has long since ceased to exist.

A PITEOUS tale about an aunt was told the other day in the Edinburgh Court of Session. A year-stained husband applied for a divorce on the ground that his wife's affections had been stolen away by her mother's sister, and he could hardly even see the all-god partner of his existence except when her aunt was not about. She walked and dined and slept with her aunt, and when she was in an affectionate mood she sat in her aunt's lap, called her ducky, and loved-dovey and things of that sort, and all her husband was privileged to do was to guess his teeth and pry the household bills, of which his half were for little delicacies to tempt the aunt's appetite. The court concluded that it was a hard case and granted a divorce right off.

IT is an acknowledged fact, says a writer in the *Saturday Review*, that the progress of singers the world has produced have been those who have been taught in the old Italian school, and the very few really eminent singers now before the public, such as Mme. Tichelli, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mme. Adelina Patti and one or two others, are all of them proficient in this method. It is lamented that whereas at the present time there are naturally as many fine voices in the world as ever, there are very few really great singers. Passing over many of the causes of present deterioration of the vocal art, such as the influence of the Wagnerian school and the decline of Italian opera, which are more or less irrelevant to our object, we will give the foremost place to that which is certainly the chief among them—namely, the want of an obligatory course of thorough training in the mechanism of singing before the higher part is reached, and the almost total extinction of the long line of great teachers, not only in this country, but in Italy itself. The Italian maestri of the past considered that it was absolutely necessary for a singer, if he or she intended to become eminent, to devote at least from five to six years' study to this great art. As a rule, the first two or three years were employed in forming the voice and in teaching the elementary exercises and solfeggi, after which the pupil was allowed to sing songs, ballads, and operatic pieces. The highest aim, it would seem, of the majority of our young singers, in their earnest desire to begin to earn a livelihood for themselves, is to acquire at the end of six months' study under an indifferent teacher a knowledge how to sing half a dozen ballads tolerably well, after which they usually consider themselves accomplished artists. The public, which is no longer in touch with really great singing, applauds them, and they go the rounds of England and America with their very limited repertoire, and, unfortunately for themselves, but unfortunately for true art, are able to make a fair living. Greatness they can never achieve, because greatness in singing, as in every other art, can only come with patience, time, and hard work.

THE *Singapore Free Press* makes the following pertinent remarks. They apply with even greater force to singing, than to other professions. The promotion among the Police are far fewer than in the Straits. We hear that all the European Police constables, who lately arrived from England in two batches to join the Police Force here, sent a petition some time ago to the Secretary of State asking for more pay, representing that at the present rate of exchange they were not receiving the same salary as they were told they would receive when they volunteered for the Straits Police. We hear that the men were very much annoyed by Colonel Dunlop that he could not see his way clear to grant them increased pay, but they could consider their agreement as cancelled and choose between having their passage paid home again or, if they wished to remain, to receive as a bonus the money which such passage would cost. It is a fact that the men were misled as to the value of the dollar, it is nothing less than a fraud on the part of those who engaged them. It is not infrequently the case that men in other positions than the police are woefully disappointed when they arrive in the Straits. It may be that the information at the disposal of the Crown Agents or the contracting parties in London is too meagre to give a fair view of the position in the East, or it may be applicants for a position in the Colony are too sanguine. We are inclined to think in some cases the spectacles supplied by the Crown Agents to intending dwellers in Singapore are rose-coloured. In one instance, when true representations of the actual life of a certain class of subordinate Europeans were sent home, there was a very great difficulty in afterwards getting candidates for that class, as people relied more on the report sent home than on the Crown Agents. Verbal promises made at home are not always acknowledged afterwards, any more than they are in the East, and the almost case should be exercised that recruiting agencies in London do not make specious promises never meant to be performed.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

We append results of these Sports, which were held on the Race-Course meadow this afternoon.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE; winners at previous meetings at Hongkong and elsewhere to be penalised one yard and a half; first prize presented by T. Jackson, Esq.; second prize presented by the Committee. First three in each heat to run in the Final.

COOPER took the lead in the straight and after a fine race home beat the scratch man by about three yards, with Markwick a fair third. Time 25.5th secs.

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H. A. Maclean, first; J. M. Atkinson, (pen. 14 yds.); second; R. Markwick, third; J. Sample, 4 yds.; M. Blair, 5 yds.; E. Collingwood, 6 yds.; G. H. Potts, 7 yds.; P. Fredericksen, 8 yds. To a good start, excepting on the part of Sample, who slipped up, Markwick made play until twenty yards from the tape, where Maclean forged ahead and won cleverly by a yard and a half from Atkinson, who was half a yard in front of Markwick. Time 17-1/5 secs.

ONE MILE RACE; winners at previous meetings to be penalised 10 yards for first win, and 50 additional for a succeeding win: First prize presented by Major H. J. H. Tripp; second and third prizes presented by the Committee.

R. F. Lammet, first; R. E. Humphreys, second; L. Rose, third; J. Barnes, 4th; Richardson, 5th; Fredericksen, 6th; Ross Thompson, 7th. Won easily in 5 min. 23 secs.

THREE-LEGGED RACE—120 YARDS; post entries; prize presented by the Committee.

Potts and Barff, first; H. Sampson and Rodger, second. Time 15 1/2 secs.

CONSOLATION RACE—100 YARDS; open to all competitors who have run at the meetings, but have not won a prize; prize presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.

R. Markwick, first; P. Fredericksen, second; E. J. Coxon, third. After a splendid finish Markwick won by a foot, with a yard dividing second and third. Time 12 1/2-5th secs.

CLOSE OF HOSTILITIES IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

The following news has come in to-day (March 8th) by wire from Manila, per H. M. S. *Sappho* from Labuan, and is confirmed by letters also received to-day from Borneo direct:

The correct state of matters is as here given. Paganan Shabander has signed a treaty before Governor Hamilton, countersigned by Governor Crenagh, of British North Borneo in which he agrees by way of reparation to surrender all his territory for the sum of \$1,800 per annum, together with \$300 poll-tax money, agreed to be paid to him by Governor Treacher two years ago.

The above information is taken from the letters of Governor Crenagh and Mr. D. D. Daly, Resident at the West Coast.

The curious nature of the relations existing between Sarawak and North Borneo are indicated by the invitation given by the Rajah of Sarawak to the Paganan to take up his abode within his territory at Muara. This will in part account for the strange version of the conclusion of peace which came through Sarawak to Singapore the other day.

A friend writes to us:—The *Royalist* brought 41 Sikhs back from Labuan (Borneo) who were not any longer required, as the war is over. The Captain of the *Royalist* state Shabander gets \$1,800 a year for his possessions, and he is going to live at Muara on the territory of the Rajah of Sarawak, who is building a house for him there.

The *Royalist* brought Mr. J. Francis, Q.C., who went over from Hongkong to defend Mr. Brach, who was accused of manslaughter in the case of the murder of Mr. Tom. Mr. Brach was tried and acquitted, which will be a great relief and satisfaction to the other Borneo planters, who must for their own safety keep up their prestige on the estate and have hardly any police protection.—*Singapore Free Press*.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Tientsin, 6th March 1889.

The Taku bar light-vessel was placed in position on March 2nd.

The bar buoys are to be placed in position on Thursday, March 7th. To-day the ice had completely disappeared.

The steamers *Smith* and *Cass* have reduced the first class passenger rates between Shanghai and Chifoo and Tientsin and also the rates for Chinese passengers and cargo; a return ticket from Shanghai to Tientsin is now 15s. 6d. by them, against 15s. 6d. by other lines. Mr. W. Forbes is now their agent in Tientsin, and it is said the steamers will run all the year and give a return of 20 per cent. to contributors of business.

The *Peiho* tug and *Lichter* Co. is still running in opposition to the *Taku* tug and *Lichter* Co. and there seems no chance of amalgamation. The *Taku* Co. has evidently got all the business. They now issue tickets from outside the bar to Tientsin, per low-boat and railway—\$2, first class; and \$1, second class, which is a great convenience to Chinese passengers.

The U.S. gunboat *Palos* was to leave Tientsin to-day at 8 a.m.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Mr. Murota, the Japanese Consul at Fusan, Corea, has received an official intimation from the Korean Government that in consequence of the bad harvest in Corea last year, from the 29th May all rice and other cereals from Japan will be imported free of duty.

The official now in charge of the Military Secretariat, or special military bureau of the Formosa Government, is the ex-Province of Shén Kih-tien. Though 70 years old, he is as bright and active as a man of half that age, and gained much *glory* by the ability he displayed in coping with the insurrection at Chang-hua last year. On 15th February he celebrated his 70th birthday, with much pomp and ceremony.

A French contractor from Tientsin has obtained from the Governor of Formosa a preliminary contract for two steel masts, gauge 65 millimetres, and 500 shafts for same, each mast to cost £164, or £328 for the two with gun-carriages complete, and £313 for the shafts, or in all £341, which includes freight to Tamsui. An advance of £400 is paid, the remainder will be paid by Messrs. Russell & Co. when the masts arrive at Tamsui, which is to be within five months. Before they are shipped to France, they are to be tested in presence of the Chinese Envoy to that country. The contract is drawn up in French and Chinese.

In 1887 the Japanese Government formed the design of uniting Japan with the Liu-Kiu Islands by a submarine telegraph cable, but the deputy sent to report on the scheme reported that the expense would be very large, it was allowed to drop for a time. Liu-Kiu being, however, of the utmost importance to Japan from a military point of view, the Boards of War and of Admiralty determined to assist the Board of Communications with funds, so that the cable might be laid as soon as possible, contributing two-fifths of the total sum required, which is \$350,000, and leaving the other three-fifths to be provided by the Board of Communications. In two years the work of laying the cable will be completed.

In consequence of a telegram received from the Director of the Yellow River Works, (Wu Ta-cheng) the Director of the Kiangnan Arsenal has detached from his establishment the following officers, for surveying and mapping service according to the European fashion:—Kia Pu-wei for surveying; Koh Yin for calculations and statistics; Hwang Chung for mapping; Chang Yün-ki for photographing. On 4th March these officers received passports from Kung Tactal, and embarked on the steamer *Kiangnan* for Chinkiang, from Chinkiang they go by water to Ching King, thence by land on to the scene of their labours in Honan. The first named is the head of the expedition.

The *Shu Pao* has an account of the visits of the Emperor to Prince Tuan in his final illness. It is said to have died of a disease of the lungs complicated with a lung complaint, apparently, as he suffered from excessive coughing and expectoration. He knelt on his bed to receive the Emperor, and particularly requested that the Imperial marriage might not be deferred on account of anything that might happen to him. One of the Emperor's visits was paid in such haste, that the officers who got the streets into presentable condition by a temporary levelling process for the Emperor to pass on such short notice, were considered to have deserved the present of 100,000 which the Emperor ordered to be given to them.

The acting French Consul at Canton, (who was formerly Interpreter at Shanghai), after over a year spent at Canton, received orders to proceed to occupy the newly appointed office of French Consul at Lanchow, in the South-west of Kiangsi. The Consul, who is familiar with the Chinese written character and of great official experience, is much esteemed by the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung, and H.E. on hearing the news requested the French Envoy at Peking to telegraph to the French Capital to have the transfer contemplated. This was agreed to by the French Foreign Office, and we are glad that France will continue to be represented at the important port of Canton by an official of such very friendly terms with the Chinese officials with whom he has to transact international business.

A friend from Kungtung Province has told us the following strange story, illustrating the severity of the lynch law which is enforced in some of the rural districts of China:

In the villages of the Hah-shan *Hien*, in the Chao-king Prefecture Kungtung Province, the village law is very severe against thieves, and if one is caught in the act, the people endeavour to exact from him compensation for everything stolen before from any one during the entire year, even making him sell his field, sons and daughters without mercy if necessary; and if he is destitute of everything, exacting compensation from his near and distant relations. A gambler and an opium-smoker of the village of Wei-tung, being without a regular livelihood and at his wife's end to obtain the wherewithal for a pipe of opium lately conceived the unlucky project of annexing a neighbour's fowl, which he heard clucking outside his door. He was caught by the watchman and dragged before the village council, who tried the case in the Ancestral Temple, and condemned him to pay for all that had been stolen during the year. He was obliged to take his eldest daughter to Canton for sale, and returned with the means of paying the fine, with a balance of \$20 over. He has become a reformed character, and works for his living, but his wife died of grief soon after the sale of her daughter.

To-day's Advertisements.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 16th inst. at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Hongkong, 16th March 1889. [329]

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.

TO BE GIVEN IN THE HALL OF THE CLUB LUSITANO, ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th March, 1889, at 9 P.M.

In aid of the FUND for an ORGAN for the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

DIRECTOR.....MAESTRO CATTANEO.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST PART.

1.—Ensemble, Corelli, AMADORIS.
2.—Death of Glory, Romanza (baritone), Mr. E. W. CROW.
3.—Ensemble, Involuntaria, Aria (soprano), Miss LAURA LEIRIA.
4.—Notturmo de Chopin, e Danza Andalusia, CAROLINA SOUSA.
5.—Mira o Norma, Duetto (soprano e mezzo soprano), LAURA LEIRIA.
6.—Stella, Confidente, (Basso, como acompañamiento de Rabeca, F. LINDA di Chamisso, Mr. C. EVANS.

7.—Linda di Chamisso, Aria (soprano), Miss EDITH CARVALHO.
8.—Tullin Maschera, Mr. C. H. LAMBERT.
9.—Settello, E. W. MAITLAND.
10.—O. BACHRACH.
11.—C. EVANS.

SECOND PART.

1.—J. Lombardi, Trio (soprano, tenor e basso), Miss CARVALHO, Mr. C. H. LAMBERT, S. GOWER.
2.—Don Carlos, Aria Dramatica (basso), O. BACHRACH.
3.—L'Estasi, Valza, D'Arilli (soprano), Mrs. J. D. HUMPHREYS.
4.—Mistral Boy, Fantasia para Piano de PORE, Miss CAROLINA SOUSA.
5.—Aria Nell'ebreo, (soprano), IGNEZ D'ALMADA.
6.—Only Once more, Romanza (baritone), Mr. E. W. MAITLAND.
7.—Patria Valza, D'Arilli, (mezzo soprano), Mrs. MARIA GUIDES.
8.—Patriani, Duetto (Mr. W. E. CROW, (baritone e basso), O. BACHRACH.

PRICE OF ADMISSION—Not under Two Dollars. Tickets may be obtained at the Office of the CLUB LUSITANO from TUESDAY, the 19th inst. and from MAESTRO CATTANEO. Hongkong, 16th March, 1889. [338]

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned has this day been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. H. WALKER, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 16th March, 1889. [339]

NOTICE.

THE NEXT MEETING of the LITERARY and DEBATING SOCIETY will be held at 8.45 P.M. on MONDAY, March 18th, 1889. Hongkong, 16th March, 1889. [349]

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN MEIER has been authorized to sign our Firm from this date. KRUSE & Co. Hongkong, 16th March, 1889. [340]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence of Mr. JAS. B. LOUGHRAN from the Colony, Mr. GEORGE LOMER TOMLIN has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company. P. RYRIE, Chairman. Hongkong, 16th March, 1889. [341]

Advertisements.

"THE PARADOX."

S. O. APPELL, Director.

THIS GRAND CONGLOMERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS, consisting of LADIES AND GENTLEMEN GYMNASTS, ACROBATS, JUGGLERS, EQUILIBRISTS, PYRAMID, WIRE AND GLOBE PERFORMERS, &c. &c. in conjunction with A STUD OF EDUCATED PONIES, A SCHOOL OF HIGHLY TRAINED DOGS AND MONKEYS, AND A TROUPE OF PERFORMING PIGEONS, will give THEIR FIRST ENTERTAINMENT, ON MONDAY, the 18th March, 1889, in the large and comfortable Pavilion on the ground lately occupied by CHARLIE'S CIRCUS, at BOWRINGTON. Doors open at 8 Commence at 9 p.m. [337]

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Box for Six \$9.00 Single Seat in a Box 7.00 Chairs 1.00 Covered Seats 0.50 Gallery, 30 Cents;—Children and Military, in uniform, 20 Cents

1. OLMAN, Business Manager. Hongkong, 15th March, 1889. [337]

COMMENCING THURSDAY, the 21st March, the distinguished PRIMA DONNA of COVENT GARDEN, HER MAJESTY'S CRISTAL PALACE, &c., Acknowledged by Press and Public to be the most accomplished Lyric Artist who ever visited the East, supported by her ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY. OPENING NIGHT. Flotow's Charming Opera "MARTHA." Reserved Seats for opening night can now be booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, LD. Prices as usual. HUGO GORLITZ, Manager. Hongkong, 13th March, 1889. [326]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or death if previous (even if that event occurs during the first twelve months)—may be secured by a payment at the rate of: £7 7 6 (per quarter if commenced at age (n.b.) 20

£8 14 2 25
£10 11 2 30
£13 4 10 35
£17 15 8 40
£27 12 6 45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in force—should the Policyholder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured. For instance a man who had assured at 45, after five years' payments would be entitled to a Paid-up Policy for £500 free of future payments as explained in Prospectus.

Note—It is an advantage to effect Provisions of this nature early in life. By delay the rate of subscription increases; Death may occur before the Provision is effected, or Health may fail and render the life ineligible for Assurance.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong, 650-2

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.) CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, \$833,333.33. EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LEY SING, Esq., Lo Yau Moon, Esq., LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [338]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [338]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF JEWELRY & WATCHES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 21st March, 1889, at 3 P.M., at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street, for account of whom it may concern, a large quantity of VALUABLE JEWELRY, consisting of Chinese-made GOLD CHAINS, GOLD BRACELETS, EARDROPS, PEARL RUBY, TURQUOISE & EMERALD RINGS, etc., SCARF PINS and RINGS, SLEEVE BUTTONS and LINKS, etc., LADY'S and GENTLEMEN'S GOLD WATCHES, OPEN FACE and HUNTING. And a variety of other JEWELRY.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on THURSDAY MORNING.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery. G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 15th March, 1889. [337]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

SALE OF LAND AT YAU-MA-TI.

TWELVE LOTS of Building Land will be offered for Sale by Public Auction, BY G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer, ON THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1889, at 3 P.M.

These Lots are ripe for immediate development and are situated on high and well drained ground with frontages to Robertson Street, Sixth Street, and Robinson Road, and known as Sections of Inland Lot No. 102. Plans and particulars may be obtained from W. ST. JOHN H. HANCOCK, Surveyor, HENRY J. HOLMES, Solicitor, or from THE AUCTIONEER. Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [316]

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, SITUATE AT VICTORIA, ON TUESDAY, the 19th March, 1889, at 3 P.M., on the Premises, DESCRIPTION.

Lot 1.—A Portion of the Piece of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE, as Section C of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 646 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 50, GRAHAM STREET.

Lot 2.—Another Portion of Section C of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 617 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 52, GRAHAM STREET.

Lot 3.—Another Portion of Section C of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 681 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 54, GRAHAM STREET.

Lot 4.—A Portion of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 686 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 1, TSUN WING LANE.

Lot 5.—Another Portion of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 646 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 2, TSUN WING LANE.

Lot 6.—Another Portion of INLAND LOT No. 113, containing an area of 706 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 3, TSUN WING LANE.

Lot 7.—A Piece of GROUND registered in the LAND OFFICE, as the Remaining Portion of INLAND LOT No. 60, containing an area of 450 Square feet, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 2 GOUGH STREET.

Lot 8.—A Piece of GROUND registered in the LAND OFFICE, as the Remaining Portion of Section G of INLAND LOT No. 60, with ONE 3-STORIED HOUSE thereon, known as No. 15, ABERDEEN STREET.

The Properties are Sold for all the residues of the terms of years created by the Crown Leases thereof respectively.

For further Particulars, apply to H. WYSON, Solicitor, 61, Queen's Road Central; or to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 13th March, 1889. [328]

To be Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS." Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [13]

TO LET.

No. 2 MORRISON HILL; entry 1st April. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13 Praya Central. Hongkong, 25th February, 1889. [252]

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. NOS. 1, 2 and 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13 Praya Central. Hongkong, 14th March, 1889. [129]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 22, Elgin Street; 6 Rooms and basement, in Flats or Single Rooms. Apply to A. HAHN. Hongkong, 5th March, 1889. [295]

TO LET.

AT the Peak "LA HACIENDA," formerly occupied by Sir George Phillips. Apply to H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings. Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [3]

TO LET.

ENTRY 1ST MARCH NEXT. NO. 3, WEST TERRACE. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13 Praya Central. Hongkong, 29th January, 1889. [144]

Entimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS are invited for the construction of a SCREW STEAM VESSEL for the Selangor Government. Tenders should be sealed and should be addressed to the British Resident, Selangor, via Singapore; to reach Selangor not later than noon on the 1st May, 1889.

Further information may be obtained from the COLONIAL SECRETARY at Hongkong. F. A. SWETTENHAM, British Resident, Selangor. Kuala Lumpur, 25th January, 1889. [397]

Dr. Knorr's ANTIPYRINE.

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AN APPROVED REMEDY IN ALL CASES OF HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, SEASICKNESS, RHEUMATIC ATTACKS, NEURALGIA, HOOPING-COUGH, &c.

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Sole Agents in Hongkong and China—JUSTUS LEMKE & Co. Hongkong, 14th March, 1889. [339]

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the PUNJON AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1889, at 4 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th of February instant, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$600,000 legally current in the Colony of Hongkong, by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$30 each. Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting sanctioning the increase of Capital, all New Shares shall be offered to the Members in proportion to existing Shares held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined, and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the Shares offered, such Shares shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion.

Dated the 25th day of February, 1889. By Order of the Board, A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that if the above mentioned Resolution for the increase of the Capital of the Company be Confirmed, the SHARE REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th day of March to the 15th day of April, both inclusive. Dated the 25th day of February, 1889. By Order of the Board, A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on MONDAY, 25th March, at Three O'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 5th March, 1889. [297]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL OF TEN DOLLARS per Share is due on the 2nd day of April, 1889, as per Article No. 33 of the Company. Shareholders will please pay the amount due upon their Shares to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By Order, A. G. GORDON, Secretary. Hongkong, 12th March, 1889. [320]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS Company would desire their Customers who are suffering from bad light or defective burners, to notify the same to the Undersigned, and steps will be taken with all possible despatch to remedy the defects pointed out.

Upon Application, and where required, ordinary gas burners will be supplied and fixed free of charge.

Special burners and globes will be supplied at cost price, or on loan at a nominal rental.

The Gas Fitting Department of this Company is under thoroughly efficient European supervision, and all orders and complaints will receive prompt attention.

F. W. CROSS, Manager. Hongkong, 12th March, 1889. [348]

Entimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

TENDERS are invited for Plans and Estimates for a NEW GRAND STAND; the same to be sent to the Undersigned on or before the 30th April next.

By Order, M. GROTE, Acting Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [315]

THE BARCELONA TRANS-ATLANTIC COMPANY SERVICE.

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